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For : METHOD FOR PROTECTING THIOL GROUP OF PROTEIN

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 14, 2008, setting an extendible one month period for response until September 15, 2008 (September 14, 2008 being a Sunday). Applicants submit that this response is being filed timely and believe an extension of time is not necessary. However, if any extension of time is required, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to maintain the pendency of the application, including any extension of time fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.